

Home Group Discussion Questions

TBC SERMON SERIES: Learning From Jesus

Message #3: Jesus Fulfills the Law

Matthew 5:17-20

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MY STORY:

- 1) Why do you think historically people are always drawn towards legalistic religion?
- 2) What has been your relationship with legalism and legalistic religion in your life?

QUICK REVIEW:

This week we continue with our series Learning From Jesus, a look at the Sermon on the Mount. This is probably the most famous teaching section by Jesus found in Scripture, providing his disciples a contrasting framework for viewing their lives with each other and God than was popularly held. Was there anything from this week's sermon that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? How would you summarize the main ideas of this week's message?

DIGGING DEEPER:

Read Matthew 5:17-18.

- 1) What might a Jew be talking about if they refer to the Law? What about the Law and the Prophets?
- 2) In what way is Jesus the fulfillment of the "Law and the Prophets"? Explain.
- 3) What do you think Jesus is referring to when he says that the Law will not be diminished until "all is accomplished"?

Read Matthew 5:19-20.

- 4) How would you summarize Jesus' point in verse 19?

- 5) How do you reconcile what Jesus says in verse 19 about obeying the law and what he says about Pharisees in verse 20 (who specialized in keeping the law)?

- 6) How do you reconcile that Jesus says “Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the experts of the law” you cannot enter heaven with Paul who says “No one is righteous” (Rom 3:10)?

- 7) If we are actually saved by grace through faith (Eph 3:8) and we cannot be saved through the law (Gal 3:21), why is Jesus saying the things he is saying in this passage? (Hint: look in places like Galatians chapters 2 and 3, Romans chapters 2 and 3 for more discussion on role of law and grace)

TAKING IT HOME:

- 1) How does grace lead us to a greater righteousness than legalism?

- 2) As you go through this week, how motivated are you to live a life pleasing to God? What motivates you?

Prayer Requests:

